

(b) Data on cost production of iron ore is not disclosed by producers for reasons of commercial confidentiality.

Production and Consumption of Natural Rubber

3919. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the natural rubber produced in the country is in excess of the domestic consumption;

(b) whether it is expected to increase further during the current year; and

(c) if so, the plans drawn up by the Government to encourage domestic use of rubber for various purposes such as using rubber in laying of roads etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). Production and consumption of rubber during 1990-91 were 329,615 tonnes and 364,310 tonnes respectively. Estimated production and consumption during 1991-92 are 365,000 tonnes and 380,000 tonnes respectively.

(c) Rubber Board is taking various measures to increase the domestic use of rubber. The required technical advice to entrepreneurs for setting up new rubber goods manufacturing units, training in rubber products manufacture etc. are arranged. Board is trying to popularise the concept of rubberisation of roads.

Selection Boards

3920. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware

of the growing discontentment in the Army with regards to the existing system of Selection Boards; and

(b) if so, the remedial steps the Government have taken or propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b). There is no discontent in the Army against the existing system of Promotion Boards.

[Translation]

NTC Showrooms in Uttar Pradesh

3921. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Textile Corporation has received any request to open some show rooms in the country particularly in hilly districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and

(c) the steps taken /proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

[English]

Projects/Scheme from Kerala

392. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects and schemes submitted by Government of Ker-

ala pending clearance with the union Government;

(b) the present position of each case;

(c) the time by which these are likely to be cleared; and

(d) whether these are likely to be include for execution under the Annual Plan of 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d). The information is given in the Statement attached.

STATEMENT

References about various road bridge schemes from Kerala pending with the Government are mentioned below along with their position;

(i) 5 schemes for declaration new National Highways and 7 scheme under Economic and inter-State Importance Programme were for the Government of Kerala. These schemes can be considered only after the finalisation of the 8th Five Year Plan.

(ii) 85 schemes have been proposed by the State Government for being financed under the Central Road Fund Scheme. These schemes can be processed only after the augmentation of Central Road Fund takes place.

(iii) 6 schemes of road/bridge works of National Highways received from the State Govt. are under various stages of examination. They are likely to be approved during 1992-93.

2. In addition to above, the Government

of Kerala had earlier proposed a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for modernisation of 240 jetties in Kerala for passenger ferry service at a cost of Rs. 577.00 lakhs, since the sufficient outlays were not available in the Annual Plan 19992 and the 8th Five Year Plan was not finalised, the Central Govt. could not consider for sanction of the scheme. The State Government was requested to take up this scheme reducing the number of jetties by prioritisation. The revised scheme is yet to come from the State Government. A provision of Rs. 50.00 lakhs has been made in the Annual Plan 1992-93 under Centrally Sponsored Scheme to meet the matching expenditure as Central Share.

[Translation]

Subsidiaries of Industrial Finance Corporation of India

3923. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Industrial Finance Corporation of India has established some of its subsidiary companies/agencies;

(b) if so, the names and dates of setting up of those companies and agencies; and

(c) the amount of grants and share-capital invested therein so far by Industrial Finance Corporation of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI) has reported that it has established the Subsidiary Companies as detailed below;